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Susan M. Hudson, Clerk Vermont Public Service Board 112 State Street Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Re: <u>Department of Public Service proposal to establish an option for certain business</u> customers to self-administer energy efficiency through the use of an Energy Savings Account.

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A §209(d)(4), the Public Service Board is required to establish a process by which certain large volume customers may self-administer energy efficiency measures through the use of an "energy savings account." (ESA). The statute also specifically directs the Board to make an ESA option available to customers by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

The Department of Public Service is pleased to propose a design for the ESA program. The attached design outlines the elements of the ESA, including eligibility criteria, available funding, implementation protocols and other fundamental aspects of the program.

This program design is submitted by the Department of Public Service after significant and productive collaboration with Efficiency Vermont, Associated Industries of Vermont, and Burlington Electric Department. While this proposal reflects only the Department's position, the collaborating parties agree with many of the provisions contained in the proposed design. The Department suggests that disagreements on program design, if any, could be resolved, possibly through stipulations, in the course of a formal Board proceeding to finalize the program. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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